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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to Chapter 173-423, Washington's Clean Vehicles Program rule.

I STRONGLY support these changes. My reasons are as follows:

I am a frequent contributor of public comments in response to Federal regulatory/deregulatory proposals. As such, I have seen the extent to which the Trump administration has undermined and is seeking to undermine regulations regarding climate change and associated pollution. These actions include rescission of the Endangerment Finding, paired with rescission of some tailpipe greenhouse gas emission limits, and more. We must be prepared for more of the same, should litigation challenging federal actions fail.

I live on this planet, where climate change and its harms are obvious and worsening. I grew up in Spokane; we've all seen what is happening with wildfires there. I know people who had to evacuate their homes; I know people who are suffering health consequences from the toxic smoke. I now live in Seattle, where we've just had a series of days with poor air quality from that same smoke blowing in, and are in our 4th year of serious drought.

In short, the effects of climate change are already catastrophic.

I recently retired from a 50 year career as a teacher. I feel keenly that we have a duty to mitigate as much climate-change harm as possible, for the sake of all our children.

If the ongoing litigation succeeds in proving the illegality of recent federal actions, the current, more protective standards should be reinstated as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your work to establish standards that protect Washington's environmental and public health.